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47. (New) The method of claim 45 wherein the virus is influenza.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims to add claims to methods of producing chimeric viruses wherein the viruses comprise a heterologous sequence containing a mutation from the wildtype sequence of the negative strand RNA virus. Support for new claims 45 to 47 can be found in the instant specification on page 82, lines 20-28.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that the amendment and remarks be entered into the file of the above-identified application. The Applicants believe that the invention defined by the claims meets all the requirements for patentability. Withdrawal of all rejections and reconsideration of the amended claims is requested.

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